

**CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
January 19, 2017**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY** Mayor Robert J. Doerr at 7:30 p.m. Copies of all ordinances and resolutions to be considered at the meeting were made available for public inspection prior to the time of consideration by the Board of Aldermen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Mayor Doerr.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert J. Doerr, City Collector Dr. Mark Tranel, City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, Chief of Police Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Deni Donovan, Alderman Herl, Alderman Paro, Alderman Schultz, Alderman Merz, Alderman Jordan, Alderman Roth, Alderwoman Dailes, and Alderman Fields.

**ABSENT:**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Alderman Merz moved for the approval of the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES:** Alderman Merz moved for approval of the January 5, 2017, Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Merz moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Fields presented the 2016 Christmas Decorating Awards to the winners:

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| Ward 1: Alton & Gertrude Creswell | Present     |
| Ward 1: O’Keefe Family            | Not Present |
| Ward 2: Kelly & Jay Coffman       | Not Present |
| Ward 2: Gloria Bennett            | Present     |
| Ward 3: Willie & Thelma Roberson  | Present     |
| Ward 3: David & Inez Proctor      | Present     |
| Ward 4: Williams Family           | Present     |
| Ward 4: Steiner Family            | Not Present |

**TOMMIE PIERSON, 12XX SHEPLEY DRIVE:** Mr. Pierson would like to have one of the two City signs taken down at the end of his driveway. Mayor Doerr will have it taken care of.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Merz moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Roth. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the July-December, 2016, report. City Treasurer, Bill Krenn, commented on his report. He is tracking the budget very closely. An adjustment will be needed for the 2016-2017 budget. Seasonal items will be factored in the future. He asked for Board approval to pay invoices relating to the Bond Issue; the City will get reimbursed when the funds hit.

Alderman Roth made a motion for the City to pay for the invoices now, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

**INVOICES OVER \$500:** Alderman Roth moved to pay invoices 1 through 6 in the amount of \$10,063.43 for January 10-11, 2017, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The Board reviewed the December, 2016, Collector's report. There was a discussion as to the verbiage he is using compared to the City Treasurer's in their reports. In order to be uniform, the City Treasurer will change "Gross Receipts" to "Utility Tax".

**PLANNING & ZONING:** The Board reviewed the January 9, 2017, Minutes. Chairman Bob Stolte reported they received a Letter of Intent from Unique Quality Home Care, LLC, located at 10236 Cabot Drive. They will be leasing the old Huneke building with the option to buy. It will be used as office space only.

There was a discussion last meeting about what residents can put up on their windows for security measures. Mr. Stolte said it has to be architecturally desirable with the neighborhood, along with the approval of the City Engineer. Alderman Paro would like to see clearer guidelines.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** The Board reviewed the November, 2016, report. Joe Raben reported on the following issues:

- Occupancy inspections remain about the same;
- Sewer laterals are up;
- Lilac Auto Shop is moving forward;
- The cell tower has been approved;
- McBride has started foundation work at Harbor Landings;
- The City has been unsuccessful at being able to contact anyone with the shuttered Conoco station;
- Unique Quality Home Care will be a nice business for the community; and
- Maclan Industries is closed now, but they are working on lighting and insulation issues.

**CITY ENGINEER:** The Board reviewed the December, 2016, report. Mr. Lum reported on the following issues:

- Review of the floodplain study for Great Rivers Greenway;
- Review of a fencing issue at Quiktrip;
- Review of Sections 29-88, 29-89, and 29-96 of the City's Code;
- Review of the cell tower plans at 10223 Lewis & Clark; and
- Review of the plans for the healthcare facility located at 10236 Cabot Drive.

**JEREMY IHLER, CHIEF OF POLICE:** The Board reviewed the December, 2016, Police Report. Chief Ihler spoke on the following:

- Proceeding with the grant for body cameras;
- The hiring process for Officers is moving forward; and
- A possible block grant is available for rifle plates for Officers.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Mr. O'Keefe had no report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BILL NO. 2467 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN JORDAN**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GILMORE AND BELL, PC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH CITY BOND ISSUES.**

Mayor Doerr explained the required Public Hearing was held at the last meeting on January 5, 2017.

Alderman Jordan read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2467 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Jordan then read Bill No. 2467 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Merz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Herl, yes; Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes.

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2467, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2383 when and if signed by the Mayor.

**BILL NO. 2468 – INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN PARO**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29-88 AND 29-89 OF THE BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO REQUIRED PARKING AND LOADING SPACES AND PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

Mr. Lum explained the current parking spaces are out of date. This will only be required of new buildings and businesses. This will help the City, along with storm water runoff.

Alderman Paro read the Bill for the first time and moved for approval of the first reading of Bill No. 2468 and to go on to the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Paro then read Bill No. 2468 for a second time and thereafter made a motion that the Bill be approved by the Board of Aldermen for enactment as an Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously. **Upon the roll being called the votes were cast as follows:** Alderman Paro, yes; Alderman Schultz, yes; and Alderman Merz, yes; Alderman Jordan, yes; Alderman Roth, yes; Alderwoman Dailes, yes; Alderman Fields, yes; Alderman Herl, yes;

The majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen having voted for passage of Bill No. 2468, the Bill was passed by the Board and will become Ordinance No. 2384 when and if signed by the Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Doerr reported on the following:

- Congratulations to all of the Christmas winners;
- A meeting is scheduled for this Saturday to meet with the engineers to discuss the street improvements; and
- Happy birthday to Deni, Chief Ihler, Rick Benhardt, and Officer Dunn.

**REPORT OF THE ALDERMEN:**

**ALDERMAN ROTH:** Alderman Roth made a motion to allocate up to \$1550 to the Black History Celebration, seconded by Alderwoman Dailes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ALDERWOMAN DAILES:** She congratulated the Christmas winners. Happy birthday to all. She attended a celebration in honor of Martin Luther King. The Black History event is coming together although she still needs volunteers. All are invited.

**ALDERMAN FIELDS:** He welcomed all the new faces tonight. He is looking forward to the Black History Celebration. He and Alderwoman Dailes attended the Legislative Dinner; he thanked the City for allowing him to attend. Image & Beautification meetings will be starting up in March. The group will be participating with MSD for the next City clean-up day. They will try and schedule another clean-up day before the fall. Thanks to all who help on these days.

**ALDERMAN HERL:** Congrats to the Christmas winners.

**ALDERMAN PARO:** Thanks for all the hard work done by the Christmas winners. The Newsletter deadline is quickly approaching. There was a concern that PD did not know how to use the dog scanner donated by Gina White a few months ago. Chief Ihler said there was a misunderstanding; everyone should know how to operate it.

**ALDERMAN SCHULTZ:** Congratulations to all those who worked hard and made the effort to decorate their homes for Christmas. He attended a meeting, at Highland School, sponsored by Riverview Gardens. There was misinformation given out by the media that fighting in school could lead to a felony conviction; that is not true. The meeting was very informative.

**ALDERMAN MERZ:** Happy birthday to all. He noted he was surprised Alderman Paro did not mention Eagle Day coming up this Saturday! He thanked the Creswells for all the hard work they do decorating their home; congrats to all the winners.

**ALDERMAN JORDAN:** Congrats to all the winners and happy birthday to all. After the meeting with the engineers this Saturday, a date will be set for the Public Forum to update the residents on the street improvements.

**MARK TRANEL, CITY COLLECTOR:** Dr. Tranel announced Eagle Watch Day is this Saturday at Fort Belle Fontaine from 10:00-2:00. Riverview Gardens School District is following up with their accreditation and moving forward with a program called Saturday Success Academy at the High School.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Alderman Merz moved to open the meeting to the public, as long as the Mayor deems necessary, seconded by Alderman Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

**PEG WARNUSZ, 100XX CRETE DRIVE:** She noted there was an article in the paper about the meeting attended by Alderman Schultz. She asked if the barricade situation, near Duenke, would come under the category of the conversation earlier about security on windows; she was told it was not the same. City Engineer Lum said the City will give the barricades a second look.

**DAVE PROCTOR, 14ZZ HAVILAND:** He complained about the huge potholes at U.S. Bank's drive thru window. The City Inspector will take a look.

**WANDA LANE, 99XX MARTINGALE ROAD:** The traffic violations category that used to be in the City audit has its own separate report now which is state mandated. There was a discussion about the various lawsuits mentioned in the audit. When asked, the

City Attorney stated it was not expected these cases would have an adverse affect on the City's finances.

Mayor Doerr asked if anyone else wished to address the Board. Hearing none, Alderman Merz moved to bring the meeting back to the Board, seconded by Alderman Paro. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Merz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried unanimously

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

*Deni Donovan*  
Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderman on *February 2, 2017*